

(CLAIMS)

1. (Amended) A device for holding a plurality of items for display, comprising:
 - a first substantially planar member having a front surface and a back surface;
 - a second substantially planar member having a front surface and a back surface;
 - means for joining said first and second substantially planar members;
 - a hub;
 - a plurality of substantially straight and smooth edges lying in the same plane and
 - at right angles to each other, situated at 90 degree intervals in relation to said hub
 - in perpendicular contact with at least a surface of a substantially planar member between said first and second substantially planar members, and having a thickness, thereby forming a spatial area between said first and second substantially planar members for receiving at least one item therein;
 - means for the exertion of interiorly directed pressure by the joined said first and second substantially planar members on said at least one item when said at least one item is received in said spatial area.
2. (Amended) The device for holding a plurality of items for display according to claim 1, wherein:
 - said first substantially planar is of plastic;
 - said means for joining said first and second substantially planar members is
 - a glue-like element;
 - said plurality of substantially straight and smooth edges are integrally molded with
 - at least a surface of a substantially planar member;
 - said means for the exertion of interiorly directed pressure by the joined
 - said first and second substantially planar members is a gradiated,
 - sloping area having a low end of the slope substantially at the exterior
 - border edge of a substantially planar member.

3. (Amended) The device for holding a plurality of items for display according to claim 2, wherein:

said first substantially planar is of translucent plastic;

said second substantially planar is of plastic;

said plurality of substantially straight and smooth edges are of translucent plastic;

said means for the exertion of interiorly directed pressure includes a further at least a partial textured surface to enhance imparted friction to said at least one item.

4. (Amended) The device for holding a plurality of items for display according to claim 3, wherein:

said second substantially planar is of translucent plastic;

said hub has a central aperture.

5. (Amended) The device for holding a plurality of items for display according to claim 1, wherein:

said first substantially planar is of plastic;

said means for joining said first and second substantially planar members

is sonic welding;

said plurality of substantially straight and smooth edges are integrally molded

partially with a surface of said first substantially planar member and partially with

a surface of said second substantially planar member;

said means for the exertion of interiorly directed pressure by the joined

said first and second substantially planar members is a gradiated,

sloping area having a low end of the slope substantially at the exterior

border edge of a substantially planar member.

6. (Amended) The device for holding a plurality of items for display according to claim 1, wherein:

said means for joining said first and second substantially planar members is

a snap-type means;

said plurality of substantially straight and smooth edges are formed of a separate

element placed in contact with at least a surface of a substantially planar member

and irremovably fixed in contact with said at least a surface of a

substantially planar member;

said means for the exertion of interiorly directed pressure by the joined

said first and second substantially planar members is an interiorly protruding member

designed to engage said at least one item when said at least one item

is received in said spatial area.

7. (Amended) The device for holding a plurality of items for display according to claim 1, wherein:

said means for joining said first and second substantially planar members is

a radio frequency (RF) weld;

said plurality of substantially straight and smooth edges are integrally molded

partially with a surface of said first substantially planar member;

said means for the exertion of interiorly directed pressure is at least a

partial textured surface to enhance imparted friction to said at least one item.

8. (Amended) The device for holding a plurality of items for display according to claim 1, wherein:

said means for joining said first and second substantially planar members is

a radio frequency (RF) weld;

said interiorly protruding member designed to engage said at least one item

when said at least one item is received in said spatial area is integrally

molded into at least a surface of a substantially planar member,

9. (Amended) The device for holding a plurality of items for display according to claim 1, wherein:

said means for the exertion of interiorly directed pressure is the insertion of a separate, gradiated item;

10. (Amended) A device for holding a plurality of items for display, comprising:

a first substantially planar member having a front surface and a back surface;

a second substantially planar member having a front surface and a back surface;

means for joining said first and second substantially planar members;

a hub;

a plurality of substantially straight and smooth edges lying in the same plane and

in perpendicular contact with at least a surface of a substantially planar member between said first

and second substantially planar members, and having a thickness, thereby forming a spatial area

between said first and second substantially planar members for receiving at least one item therein;

means for the exertion of interiorly directed pressure by the joined

said first and second substantially planar members on said at least one item

when said at least one item is received in said spatial area.

11. (Amended) The device for holding a plurality of items for display according to claim 10, wherein:

said means for joining said first and second substantially planar members is a glue-like element;

said plurality of substantially straight and smooth edges are integrally molded at a pre-determined

degree in relation to each other;

said means for the exertion of interiorly directed pressure is the insertion of a separate, graduated item;

12. (Amended NEW) A device for holding a plurality of items for display, comprising:

a first substantially planar member having a front surface and a back surface;

a second substantially planar member having a front surface and a back surface;

a third substantially planar member having a front surface and a back surface;

means for joining said first and third substantially planar members to

said second substantially planar member;

a hub;

a first set of a plurality of substantially straight and smooth edges lying in the

same plane and at right angles to each other, situated at 90-degree intervals in

relation to said hub in perpendicular contact with at least a surface of a substantially planar member

between said first and second substantially planar members, and having a thickness, thereby forming

a spatial area between said first and second substantially planar members for receiving at least one

item therein;

a second set of a plurality of substantially straight and smooth edges lying in the

same plane and at right angles to each other, situated at 90-degree intervals in

relation to said hub in perpendicular contact with at least a surface of a substantially planar member

between said second and third substantially planar members, and having a thickness, thereby forming

a spatial area between said second and third substantially planar members for receiving at least one

item therein;

means for the exertion of interiorly directed pressure by the joined said first and second substantially planar

members on said at least one item when said at least one item is received in said spatial area;

means for the exertion of interiorly directed pressure by the joined

said second and third substantially planar members on said at least one item

when said at least one item is received in said spatial area.

13. (~~Amended~~ NEW) A device for holding a plurality of items for display, comprising:

a substantially planar member having a front surface and a back surface;

a hub;

a plurality of substantially straight and smooth edges lying in the same plane and

at right angles to each other, situated at 90 degree intervals in relation to said hub

in perpendicular contact with a surface of said substantially planar member

and having a thickness;

means for holding at least one item in contact with a surface of

said substantially planar member;

14. (~~Amended~~ NEW) The device for holding a plurality of items for display according to claim 13, wherein:

means for holding at least one item in contact with a surface of said substantially planar member is

a glue-like element.

15. (~~Amended~~ NEW) The device for holding a plurality of items for display according to claim 14, wherein:

said glue-like element is protected prior to use through removably affixed covering;

said substantially planar member is made of plastic.

16. (~~Amended~~ NEW) The device for holding a plurality of items for display according to claim 15, wherein:

said glue-like element is repositionable glue;

said removably affixed covering is made of paper;

said substantially planar member is made of translucent plastic.

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17. A device for holding a plurality of items for display, comprising:

a first substantially planar member having a front surface and a back surface;

a second substantially planar member having a front surface and a back surface;

means for joining said first and second substantially planar members;

a hub;

a plurality of substantially straight and smooth edges lying in the same plane and at right angles to

each other, situated at 90 degree intervals in relation to said hub in perpendicular contact with at least

a surface of a substantially planar member between said first and second substantially planar

members, and having a thickness, thereby forming a spatial area between said first and second substantially planar members for receiving at least one item therein;
means for the exertion of interiorly directed pressure by the joined said first and second substantially planar members on said at least one item when said at least one item is received in said spatial area.

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18. The device for holding a plurality of items for display according to claim 1, wherein:
said first substantially planar is of plastic,
said means for joining said first and second substantially planar members is a glue-like element;
said plurality of substantially straight and smooth edges are integrally molded with
at least a surface of a substantially planar member,
said means for the exertion of interiorly directed pressure by the joined said first and second substantially planar members is a graduated, sloping area having a low end of the slope substantially at the exterior border edge of a substantially planar member.

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19. The device for holding a plurality of items fix display according to claim 2, wherein:
said first substantially planar is of translucent plastic;
said second substantially planar is of plastic;
said plurality of substantially straight and smooth edges are of translucent plastic;
said means for the exertion of interiorly directed pressure includes a further at least a partially textured surface to enhance imparted friction to said at least one item.

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20. Tile device for holding a plurality of items for display according to claim 3, wherein:

said second substantially planar is of translucent plastic;

said hub has a central aperture.

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21. The device for holding a plurality of items for display according to claim 1, wherein:

said first substantially planar is of plastic;

said means for joining said first and second substantially planar members is sonic welding;

said plurality of substantially straight and smooth edges are integrally molded

partially with a surface of said first substantially planar member and partially with a surface

of said second substantially planar member,

said means for the exertion of interiorly directed pressure by the joined said first and

second substantially planar members is a graduated, sloping area having a low end

of the slope substantially at the exterior border edge of a substantially planar member.

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22. The device for holding a plurality of items for display according to claim 1, wherein:

said means for joining said first and second substantially planar members is a snap-type means;

said plurality of substantially straight and smooth edges are formed of a separate element placed

in contact with at least a surface of a substantially planar member and irremovably fixed in contact

with said at least a surface of a substantially planar member, said means for the exertion of interiorly

directed pressure by the joined said first and second substantially planar members is an interiorly

protruding member designed to engage said at least one item when said at least one item is received

in said spacial area.

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23. The device for holding a plurality of items for display according to claim 1, wherein:

said means for joining said first and second substantially planar members is

a radio frequency (RF) weld;

said plurality of substantially straight and smooth edges are integrally molded

partially with a surface of said first substantially planar member,

said means for the exertion of interiorly directed pressure is at least a

partial textured surface to enhance imparted friction to said at least one item.

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24. The device for holding a plurality of items for display according to claim 1, wherein:

said means for joining said first and second substantially planar members is

a radio frequency (RF) weld;

said interiorly protruding member designed to engage said at least one item

when said at least one item is received in said spatial area is integrally

molded into at least a surface of a substantially planar member,

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25. The device for holding a plurality of items for display according to claim 1, wherein:

said means for the exertion of interiorly directed pressure is the insertion of

a separate, gradiated item;

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26. A device for holding a plurality of items for display, comprising:

a first substantially planar member having a front surface and a back surface;

a second substantially planar member having a front surface and a back surface;

means for joining said first and second substantially planar members,

a hub;

a plurality of substantially straight and smooth edges lying in the same plane and
in perpendicular contact with at least a surface of a substantially planar member
between said first and second substantially planar members, and having a
thickness, thereby forming a spacial area between said first and second
substantially planar members for receiving at least one item therein;
means for the exertion of interiorly directed pressure by the joined said first and
second substantially planar members on said at least one item when
said at least one item is received in said spacial area.

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27. The device for holding a plurality of items for display according to claim 10, wherein:

said means for joining said first and second substantially planar members is

a glue-like element;

said plurality of substantially straight and smooth edges are integrally molded

at a pre-determined degree in relation to each other;

said means for the exertion of interiorly directed pressure is the insertion of

a separate, irradiated item;

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28. A device for holding a plurality of items for display, comprising:

a first substantially planar member having a front surface and a back surface;

a second substantially planar member having a front surface and a back surface;

a third substantially planar member having a front surface and a back surface;

means for joining said first and third substantially planar members to

said second substantially planar member,

a hub;

a first set of a plurality of substantially straight and smooth edges lying in the same plane and at right angles to each other, situated at 90-degree intervals in relation to said hub in perpendicular contact with at least a surface of a substantially planar member between said first and second substantially planar members, and having a thickness, thereby forming a spatial area between said first and second substantially planar members for receiving at least one item therein;

a second set of a plurality of substantially straight and smooth edges lying in the same plane and at right angles to each other, situated at 90-degree intervals in relation to said hub in perpendicular contact with at least a surface of a substantially planar member between said second and third substantially planar members, and having a thickness, thereby forming a spatial area between said second and third substantially planar members for receiving at least one item therein;

means for the exertion of interiorly directed pressure by the joined said first and second substantially planar members on said at least one item when said at least one item is received in said spatial area;

means for the exertion of interiorly directed pressure by the joined said second and third substantially planar members on said at least one item when said at least one item is received in said spatial area.

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29. A device for holding a plurality of items for display, comprising:

a substantially planar member having a front surface and a back surface;

a hub;

a plurality of substantially straight and smooth edges lying in the same plane and at right angles to each other, situated at 90 degree intervals in relation to said hub in perpendicular contact with a surface of said substantially planar member

and having a thickness;
means for holding at least one item in contact with a surface of
said substantially planar member,

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30. The device for holding a plurality of items for display according to claim 13, wherein:

means for holding at least one item in contact with a surface of
said substantially planar member is a glue-like element.

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31. The device for holding a plurality of items for display according to claim 14, wherein:

said glue-like element is protected prior to use through removably affixed covering
said substantially planar member is made of plastic.

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32. The device for holding a plurality of items for display according to claim 15, wherein:

said glue-like element is repositionable glue, said removably affixed covering is made of paper;
said substantially planar member is made of translucent plastic.